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From the Region Chaplain ...

Summer is always filled with activity, especially when it comes to CAP.

There are training events, SARXs, cadet activities, air shows, in addition to the regularly scheduled squadron meetings.



Ch, Lt Col Paul Ward

And where our members are gathered you will find Chaplain Corps personnel involved. In this issue a couple of events will be highlighted.

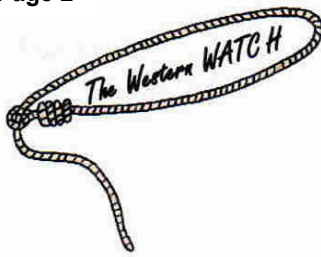
Among the summer activities I was involved in included representing you and the Region Commander at the annual National Board and Conference conducted in San Antonio. The Chaplain Corps Advisory Council met for a full day. Many projects that have been in the works for several months are in final review and should be released soon. This includes the publication of the CAPR 265-1, a rewritten Chaplain Specialty Track (221 series), the release of a new issue of "Flight Time: Values for Living" (CAPP 265-2). One of the major accomplishments of the meeting was redesign of the Form 34. There will be two forms, one for chaplains and another for character development instructors. This form will be much simpler to use and will be available on-line.

The CAP Prayer Breakfast was conducted on Thursday morning. The featured speaker was Chaplain, MGen Cecil Richardson, Chief of the USAF Chaplain Corps. It was truly inspirational.

Coming away from the National Board/Conference I was encouraged and impressed by the quality of servant leadership that is part of the USAF/CAP Chaplain Corps. We are part of a marvelous group of people who serve others before self.

In Service Together,

Paul



During the 2009 CCRSC the morning meditations were presented by our Wing Chaplains. Each meditation was based on the acrostic C-A-P. In the Spring issue, "**Commitment**" was the theme addressed by Ch, Maj Franklin Blodgett (AKWG HC). "**Available**" was the theme shared in the Summer issue by Ch, Maj Annette Arnold-Boyd (ORWG HCD). We conclude the series with the meditation presented by Ch, Maj Elizabeth Tattersall (NVWG HC): "**Prepared**".

As chaplains we need to be prepared. We do not know what the next moment may hold for us or for those around us. Being prepared requires some planning ahead. In the reading from the gospel of Matthew (25:1-13), we heard the story of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. The wise bridesmaids planned ahead. They did not know how long they might have to wait with their lamps for the bridegroom, and so they brought along extra oil. They did not know ahead of time if they would need the extra oil or not; they chose to bring the oil in case they might need it. In the reading from Isaiah (40:3-11) we heard "prepare the way of the Lord."

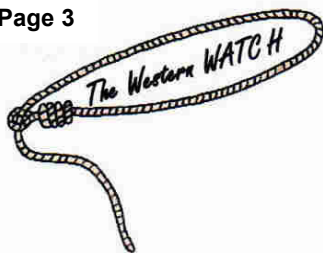
That is our job as chaplains. We prepare the way of God. We help to make God's way visible to other CAP members. We show people that faith in God gives us a foundation that allows us to reach out to others wherever they are in their journey. We prepare the way for God. In order to prepare the way, we, too, must be prepared. When we go to a mission base, we need to have our chaplain materials organized, so that any information that we need will be readily to hand. We should be prepared to pray for the mission personnel. We should be prepared with notepads, CISM brochures, uniforms, etc. We should be prepared when we go to a cadet meeting to lead a character development lesson. Do we have the tools and materials needed? Did we make enough copies of the lesson handout?



**Ch, Maj Elizabeth Tattersall
NVWG HC**

Have we read through the lesson, so that we are ready to lead it? As CAP members in general, we need to be prepared, so that we can respond to mission needs. We need to make sure that we have attended (and logged) safety briefings. We should have a 24 hour kit ready to go. We should make sure that our training and documentation are up to date. We need to be mentally prepared for the mission. Are we well rested? Have we eaten? The pilot's I'M SAFE (illness, medication, stress, alcohol, fatigue, emotion & eating) checklist applies to all mission personnel, not just to aircrews.

In our role as chaplains, we are visible reminders of the holy. Our very presence can be a comfort to others, even if we say nothing. My bishop recently told a story from when he was pastor of a parish. He was asked to attend the deathbed for someone he did not know. Since he did not know the dying person or the family, he did not know what to say. So he prayed, and he stood in the corner of the room. After the person died, the family members thanked him for being there, saying it had meant a lot to them to have him there. And he felt as though he had done almost nothing. Every person of faith can also be a reminder of the holy. All persons of faith, whose faith is known to others, need to be prepared. Prepared to share what their faith means to them; how their faith in God enriches their lives and brings more meaning to them. We need to be prepared to tell our stories. We need to be prepared to offer a listening ear, a helping hand, or a comforting presence. We need to be spiritually prepared, spiritually connected to God, in order to fulfill our duties as chaplains and examples of good character. We maintain our own connection with God through regular prayer and worship.



2010 CHAPLAIN CORPS REGION STAFF COLLEGE

Mark these dates.....

MARCH 29 – APRIL 1

Where????

NELLIS AFB



The 2010 Pacific Region Chaplain Corps Staff College will be conducted during the same week that the Pacific Region Staff College will be conducted. Each college will be held in separate facilities but we will be sharing faculty as well as tours of Nellis AFB.

Pre-registration forms will be available shortly. Registration fee: \$75.00
Students will be responsible for paying for their lodging.

More information will be coming via your Wing Chaplain and e-mails from Ch, Maj Charlie Sattgast – Dean of the CCRSC

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Make plans to attend the 2010 PCR Chaplain Corps Staff College



AROUND THE REGION



Chaplain, Maj Franklin Blodgett taught a Character Development session for the Birchwood Squadron (Chugiak, Alaska) during the month of August.



Cadets of the Birchwood Squadron



During the recent CAWG Conference, the following received recognition for their service:

Chaplain of the Year – Chaplain, Lt Col Chuck Ingram
Character Development Instructor of the Year – Maj Karen Nahrstadt
Bruce Joyner Ministry of Excellence Award for CDI – 1st Lt Mike Lynch
Meritorious Service Award – Chaplain, Lt Col George Dawson



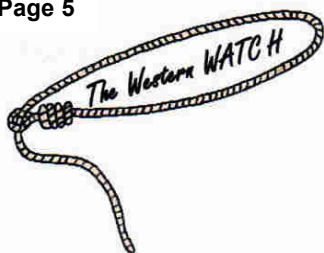
The California and Nevada Wings conducted a joint Cadet Encampment at Camp San Luis Obispo during from August 8-15. Over 300 cadets and senior members attended this event. Chaplain, Maj Elizabeth Tattersall (NVWG HC) served as the Lead Chaplain for this week-long training event. She was assisted by Chaplain, Maj Richard Nelson (CAWG, Sq 47 HC) and Chaplain, Lt Col Paul Ward (PCR HC). On the first Sunday of

encampment, Chaplain Tattersall conducted a Christian Worship Service and Chaplain Nelson led a Character Development session.

Throughout the week, members of the Chaplain Corps (affectionately known as “The God Squad”) provided “ministry of presence.” On the last day of encampment Chaplain Ward led a session on CAP’s Core Values. It was a great week of ministry.



Chaplains Ward, Tattersall and Nelson
“The God Squad”



Chaplain, Lt Col Bob Ledden served as staff chaplain for two National Cadet Special Activities during the summer months. Both events were conducted at the Evergreen Aviation and Space

Museum in McMinnville, Oregon. The Michael King Smith

Evergreen Business Academy was held June 19 – 27, 2009. This event gives cadets a first-hand look into the workings of Evergreen Aviation's worldwide operations including: a cargo airline, ground logistics and support, helicopter operations, purchase and sale of aircraft, agriculture and museum operations. Chaplain Ledden had the opportunity to conduct a worship service as well as teach two hours on moral leadership within the context of what it means to be ethical leaders.



Chaplain , Lt Col Bob Ledden

In the month of July (9-13) over 100 cadets and their senior member escorts converged on the campus of Linfield College and the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum for the National Cadet Competition. NCC, as it's known to the cadets, involves eight drill teams and eight color guards from around the country. Each team earned the right to compete here through competitions at Group, Wing and Region levels.

During the 4-day competition, the teams competed in a one-mile run, tested their knowledge of aviation through a written exam and a game similar to Jeopardy, went through an uniform

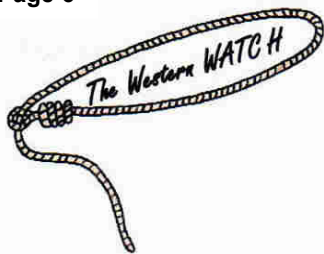
inspection, and performed complex military drill routines. Throughout the event, Chaplain Ledden provided "ministry of presence". Cadets and senior members also attended a worship service which Chaplain Ledden conducted. Maj Nancy Woodard (CAWG) served as the Admin Officer for this event.



OUTSTANDING RATINGS IN EVALUATED SARX

In the month of May, the USAF conducted an evaluated SAREX in the Washington Wing. Chaplain, Lt Col Don Starr served as the Mission Chaplain. For the performance in the duty of scenarios presented, the Chaplain section received an **Outstanding**. The CISM side was given an **Excellent**.

The Oregon Wing went through the USAF evaluated SARX in August. Chaplain, Lt Col Bob Ledden and Chaplain, Maj Charlie Sattgast served as Mission Chaplains. They received an **Outstanding** for their roles in the various scenarios. An **Excellent** rating was received by the CISM members.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS



Benjamin O. Davis – Level 2

Chaplain, Maj Danny Riggs (WAWG)



Gill Robb Wilson – Level 5

Maj John Erickson (AKWG)



NATIONAL CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR *1st Lt Michael Lynch (CAWG)*



**Maj Gen Amy Courter,
National Commander, presenting
1st Lt Michael Lynch with award**

1st Lt Michael Lynch of Bakersfield Composite Squadron 121 (CAWG) was named the National Character Development Instructor of the Year during the 2009 Civil Air Patrol National Conference held in San Antonio, Texas.

His citation reads: “he has a passion working with CAP’s cadet programs and attends the majority of squadron, group and wing activities with the cadets even though his job as a professional hospice chaplain requires him to minister to more than 90 patients. Lt Lynch, who holds doctoral degrees in Christian counseling and psychology, serves as an advisor to the Bakersfield Squadron Commander and the Deputy Commander of Cadets. He is one of the most active members of the squadron, not only in cadet

programs but also in emergency services and homeland security. With both a pastoral and law enforcement background, working with critical incidents is almost second nature for Lt Lynch. Before joining CAP he was part of the Kern County Critical Incident Response Team. Based on this training, Lt Lynch was appointed as a member of the California Wing CISM team in 2007, and he was selected to serve with the CAP national CISM team that supports the entire nation’s crisis management programs.”



**Col Ken Parris, CAWG Commander with
1st Lt Michael Lynch**



PROSSER'S PROTOCOL

Greeting to all,

I would like to share with you a few helpful hints to assist you on preparing for any event that you may be organizing. If you have a question, consult CAP Pamphlet 3: *Guide to Civil Air Patrol Protocol*.



Ch, Maj Debra Prosser

Link: http://members.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/u_081503135155.pdf

With any event that you may be organizing here are some helpful hints. I call them the 5P!

Prior - Before the event - Not the day of

Planning - Think it out, get the details

Prevents - does not happen, denies

Poor- below average, mediocre

Performance - events, job

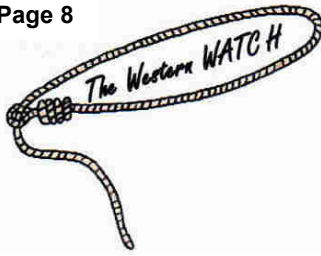
So if you put those together they say, "Before your event, think it out so that a below average does not happen on your event!"

Our goal is to be on top of the situation before it happens! If we do our homework before the event starts, we are more likely to have a successful program. For example, when I was conducting Character Development, I brought up the 5P and ask how silly would it be if all week they forgot to wash their uniform and then the night before the meeting the find out that their iron is broken and they cannot iron their uniform. Prior Planning prevents poor performance! No one wants to perform poorly.

I would also, like to take this time to thank all of you for praying for my mom and my sister, both are doing well! I love being a part of the Pacific Region Chaplain Corps.

In His Service,

Deb
Ch, Maj Debra Prosser, CAP
Protocol Officer
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SUMMARY OF FORM 34's (January-June 2009)

From January through June, PCR Chaplain Corps personnel participated in 2,210 activities; spent 9,066 hours; traveled 75,888 miles; invested \$31,256.94 in their service to others.

Just a reminder that each Chaplain and Character Development Instructor is required by CAPR 265-1 to submit a completed Form 34 to their Wing Chaplain, even if they have been inactive during that reporting period, no later than 5 January and 5 July each year.

Nearly **30%** of our Chaplain Corps personnel **DID NOT** submit a Form 34 for the reporting period of January-June 2009.

We can and must do better than that!

SOMETHING FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION....

BACKGROUND: Many of our Chaplain Corps personnel have inquired of Charlie and I about conducting a CCRSC in Hawaii. Historically there have been two Chaplain Corps Region Staff Colleges conducted at Hickam AFB (2000 and 2003). In all honesty, logistically to plan a staff college there is very difficult...especially at a location 2500 miles away. We also learned that since non-CAP member spouses cannot be listed on Military Support Authorization forms (MSA) they could not be lodged in base housing or eat in base dining facilities (though they could eat in the Food Courts or the local fast food restaurants). **Note:** *this prohibition of base housing/dining facilities access does not apply to spouses with a military card/ID.* So, what fun would going to Hawaii be if we have to leave the spouses at home????

Returning to Hawaii for a CCRSC was something that had been relegated to the list of "*wouldn't it be nice if this could ever happen?*" Over dinner one evening at National Board/Conference, I learned of a possible location for the 2011 CCRSC (to be conducted sometime late February/early March). Check out the following link and see what you think: <http://www.kmc-volcano.com/default.asp>

THINGS TO CONSIDER:

- a) this is not Hickam -- so billeting is not at military rates. Retired military or those with military id cards can get better rates here. It is rustic but very livable. No MSAs are needed at the Kilauea Military Camp, so spouses can attend.
- b) transportation will need to be handled by us (i.e. there is a shuttle from Hilo to the Camp...but not from Kona). Rental cars will be necessary for those arriving at Kona
- c) Room costs can be shared (i.e. 2/3 bedroom cottages can be split between the couples; singles can use the dorms).

The camp only books 1 year out. So we will have to make a decision on this by Feb/Mar of 2010 if we want to proceed. If this is something you would like for us to pursue, please notify your Wing Chaplain, Charlie or I as soon as possible. This also gives you a year to plan/budget for flight, car rental and housing. You may want to contact other chaplains/character development instructors in your Wing or the Region to consider sharing the costs of a cottage and/or car rental.

